

Interface Advisory Board Meeting: May 1, 2014

Meeting Minutes reviewed

Present

Ellen Kurtz, Bert Kormann, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation
Anne Schiadaresis, NJ Dept of Labor
Al Sczweck, former J&J Human
Donna Scalia, US Dept of Labor, Office on Apprenticeship
Ellen Leinfuss, UL
Luke Koppisch, Alliance Center for Independent Living
Nick Costa, Wakefern

9:00 Welcome, Introductions

- The first order of business was to discuss the Board members thoughts/recommendations about Career Options Day 2014. Staff reported that there were approximately 300 guests in attendance. There was 32 exhibitors from the private, public and non-profit sector. It was agreed that the event was much more fluid than in the past when the event was changed to the transition panel. However, exhibitors still began leaving the event by noon, despite the 1 pm ending time.
- Members spoke about the mission of the event. Originally that was to be an information fair for people with disabilities. It has evolved into a job fair. Survey results from the previous several years clearly indicated the the majority of guests came to look for jobs. During the 2014 COD, there were more exhibitors with jobs than in the past. Non-Rofit and Governmental entities were not charged for a table fee. Fiscally the event was solvent.
- It was discussed that the event is more highly publicized and there has been an increasing number of new companies that participate. The Board agrees that the cost is attractive to businesses.
- Once again, the Resume Review supplied by the Kelly Services staff was very well utilized throughout the entire time. The last table to vacate was a Kelly Services recruiter. Thanks are also given to Matt Alcalde of Bio NJ Talent Network, Ed Lloyd of the Computer Application Training Program, and former J&J staff Al Sczweck, They presented very timely and relevant workshop material.
- Board agreed that COD is a high profile event for JFK/JRI in the community it serves, which is an organizational goal as well
- Programs review included that 16-17 high school participants in CDP are graduating, which an already high level of interest by new students. There have been an increase in the number of adult referrals for more extended services,, Adult CDP. The Training Programs are maintaining a higher pace of referrals that 2013
- Board members agreed to invite US DOL OFCCP at next meeting.

Submitted by: Bert Kormann

Agenda: June 6 2014 meeting

1. Programs Review
2. Ocal supermarket
3. Spring Dinner Dance
4. Nick Costa of Wakefern recognized for assisting in an Adult Career Development participant's hiring at a local supermarket
5. Upcoming Graduation ceremony, June 17th Noon.
Ellen Leinfuss representing Interface
6. Introduction of Tania Robles and Regional Director of the US Dept. of Labor
Presenting information about the 7% Utilization Rule, Hiring People with Disabilities.